

	<p>Applications selected by drawing will be notified by mail to submit \$12.50 per person (cashiers check or money order only, payable to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) to receive a quota permit. Fees are not refundable and permits are not transferable. Of funds collected, 80% are applied to defraying administrative cost of the hunt while the remainder is deposited into the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund.</p> <p>Lower Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge plays an important role in our National Wildlife Refuge System. This area was established to provide essential habitat for migratory birds in the Lower Mississippi Valley. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service administers the refuge system and is responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing the nation's fish and wildlife populations and their habitats for the continuing benefit of people.</p> <p>The provisions listed below supplement the general regulations which govern public use on wildlife refuge areas as set forth in <i>Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations</i>. When permitted, hunting, fishing, and other public uses will be in accordance with applicable state laws unless otherwise listed.</p> <p>General Provisions and Access Regulations</p> <p>By law, National Wildlife Refuges are closed to all public use activities unless expressly permitted. Hunting, fishing, and certain other public uses are permitted on most areas of the refuge. <i>Contact the Refuge Manager for current regulations and authorized activities before entering these areas.</i></p> <p><i>Sunk Lake Natural Area</i></p> <p>Sunk Lake Natural Area is administered by Lower Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge as a separate unit, encompassing approximately 1,900 acres. The area is located 10 miles northeast of the Lower Hatchie NWR sub-headquarters. All National Wildlife Refuge System regulations apply. <i>The Southern Unit of</i></p>	<p><i>Sunk Lake Natural Area is closed to all public access November 15 through March 15.</i> Sport fishing is permitted on the area from March 16 through November 14. The use of gasoline powered boat motors is prohibited. Only electric motors or manually operated boats are permitted.</p> <p><i>Hunting is prohibited on the Southern Unit of Sunk Lake Natural Area.</i> The Northern Unit of Sunk Lake Natural Area will be open to Small Game and Archery Deer Hunting Seasons as listed in this brochure.</p> <p>Only legally licensed vehicles are allowed on the refuge. <i>ATC's and ATV's are prohibited</i>, except by disabled individuals possessing a refuge special use permit.</p> <p>Most refuge areas are handicapped accessible. Disabled persons are encouraged to participate in refuge hunts and other activities. Contact the refuge manger for guidelines to obtain special use access.</p> <p>Roads may be closed at any time due to adverse weather conditions or management needs. Vehicles must remain on established roads as indicated on the maps on this leaflet. Vehicles may be parked alongside open roads in a manner that will not interfere with the normal flow of traffic. <i>Please avoid driving on refuge roads during wet conditions as damage to the roads will result.</i></p> <p>Designated areas will be closed to hunting, fishing, and all other public access during fall and winter months to provide resource protection (see map for specific locations and dates of closures). Other areas may be closed for special management or safety reasons. <i>All refuge access is prohibited after dark unless specifically authorized by the refuge manager.</i></p>	<p>Camping and Fires</p> <p>Boats</p> <p>Weapons</p> <p>Dogs</p> <p>Horses</p> <p>Refuge/ Cultural Resources</p> <p>Tree Stands</p>	<p><i>Camping and fires are prohibited on Lower Hatchie NWR and Sunk Lake Natural Area. Please remove all litter from the refuge.</i></p> <p>Boats used for any recreational activity (i.e. hunting, fishing and wildlife viewing) must be removed from Lower Hatchie and Sunk Lake natural areas daily.</p> <p>Carrying, possessing, or discharging firearms, fireworks, or explosives on national wildlife refuges is prohibited unless specifically authorized. <i>Firearms must be unloaded and either dismantled or encased when transported in vehicles and boats while on the refuge.</i> The use or possession of cross bows, bows and arrows, air guns, spears, gigs, or other weapons on national wildlife refuges is prohibited except as may be authorized by the refuge manager. Weapons legally possessed for hunting are the same as those prescribed by the State of Tennessee.</p> <p>Dogs are permitted for small game and migratory bird hunting or during <i>permitted field trial activities</i>. Contact the refuge manager for information on field trial permits. All dogs are required to wear a collar displaying the owner's name, address, and telephone number.</p> <p>Horses are permitted only on roads open to motorized traffic. Riding off roads into fields, woods, or on foot trails is prohibited unless specifically permitted.</p> <p>All government property including natural, historic, and archaeological features are protected by Federal Law. Searching for or removal of objects of antiquity or other value is strictly prohibited.</p> <p>All tree stands must be removed from the refuge daily. The use of nails, wire, screws, or bolts to attach a tree stand to a tree, or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven to support a hunter is prohibited.</p>	<p>Tree Marking</p> <p>Hunter Education</p> <p>Youth Supervision</p> <p>Nontoxic shot</p> <p>Prohibited</p>	<p>It is unlawful to mark any tree or other refuge feature with paint or similar substance. Please remove all flagging tape and other marking material upon leaving the refuge.</p> <p>Hunter's born on or after 1/1/69 must possess proof that he/she has successfully completed a hunter education course.</p> <p>Youths 16-years-old or younger must be directly supervised by an adult at least 21 years of age while hunting. During youth-only hunts the juvenile must be supervised by a non hunting adult.</p> <p>Specific Hunting Regulations</p> <p>Big game killed on the refuge must be checked at the nearest State Checking Station on date of kill and indicate Lower Hatchie NWR as the location of the kill. All deer harvested on the refuge must be counted toward the Unit A bag limit.</p> <p>All hunters using shotguns for hunting small game, opossum, raccoon, turkey and migratory game birds on Lower Hatchie NWR must use and possess nontoxic shot only.</p> <p>Specific Fishing Regulations Lower Hatchie NWR and Sunk Lake Natural Area</p> <p><i>Sport fishing</i> (using pole and line or rod and reel only) is permitted from sunrise to sunset (Central time) on Lower Hatchie NWR and Sunk Lake Natural Area (see maps for specific locations and dates of closures).</p> <p><i>Possession of unauthorized fishing gear (trotlines, limblines, juglines, yo-yo's, nets, gigs, and associated equipment) is prohibited</i> while fishing on Lower Hatchie NWR and Sunk Lake Natural Area.</p> <p>Visitors must comply with all applicable state fishing and boating regulations.</p> <p>Frogging and Turtling</p>
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Lower Hatchie

National Wildlife Refuge Public Use Regulations 2002-2003



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Refuge Hunting Permit 2002-2003

When signed and in your possession, this brochure serves as your permit for all refuge hunts, and acknowledges your understanding of the regulations contained herein.

I have read and understand these refuge regulations.

Hunter's Signature

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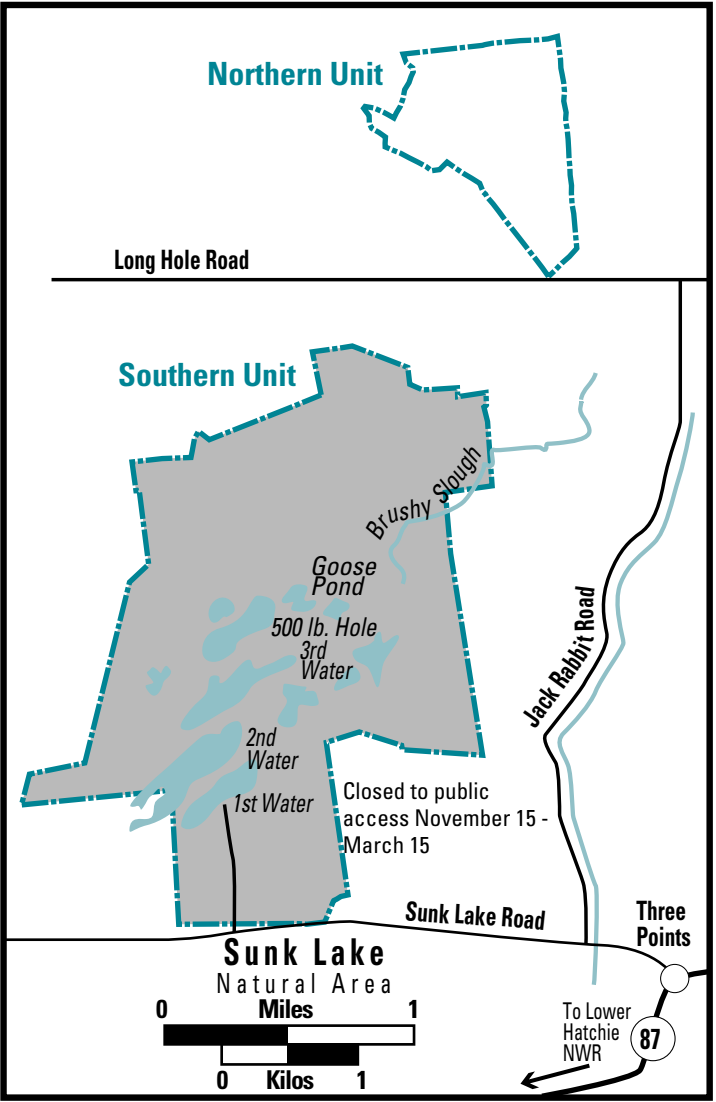
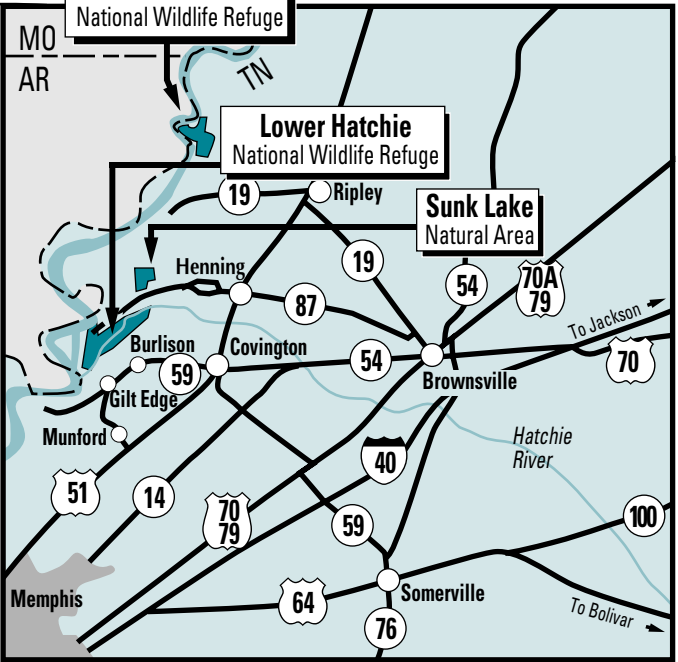
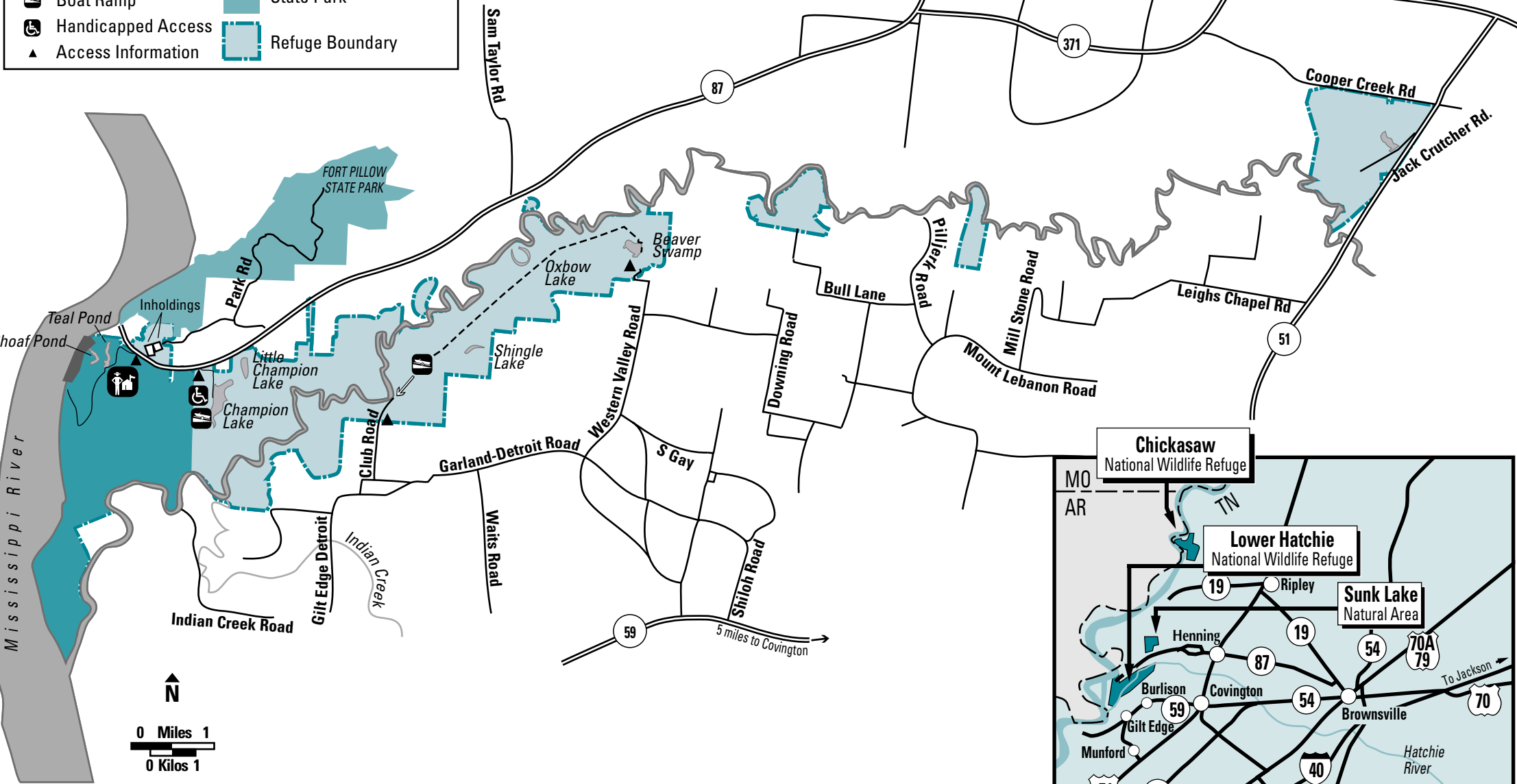


Legend

- Paved Road
- Refuge Road
- Foot Trail
- Refuge Headquarters
- Boat Ramp
- Handicapped Access
- Access Information

- Hazardous Area Closed Year-round
- Sanctuary
- State Park
- Refuge Boundary

Lower Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge



For inquiries, contact the refuge:
 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 Lower Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge
 234 Fort Prudhomme Drive
 Henning, Tennessee 38041
 Phone: 731/738 2296 or 731/287 0650

Waterfowl

Only Ducks, Coots, and Mergansers may be hunted on Lower Hatchie NWR. State season and bag limits apply **except** legal shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to 12:00 noon. Only approved nontoxic shot may be used. All blinds, boats, and decoys must be removed from the refuge by 1:00 pm daily. Decoys may not be placed on the refuge before 4:00 a.m. Youth hunt for ages 10-16 same as statewide.

Other Migratory Birds

Mourning dove, Woodcock, and Snipe. State season and bag limits apply **except** closed during youth, gun, and muzzleloader deer hunts. Only approved nontoxic shot may be used.

Small Game

Squirrel, Rabbit, Quail, Raccoon, and Opossum. State season and bag limits apply **except** squirrel, rabbit, and quail closed during youth, gun, and muzzleloader deer hunts and spring squirrel season **closed**. Only approved nontoxic shot allowed when using a shotgun.

Archery Only Deer

September 28-November 1, November 11-November 22, December 16-December 20. Total Bag: 4 (four) deer, either sex. No more than 2 antlered. All deer count in Unit A bag limit.

Youth Gun/ Archery Deer

November 2-3, 2002 and January 11-12, 2003. Only persons ages 10-16 are allowed to hunt. One non-hunting adult must supervise each youth. Total Bag: 1 (one) deer; either sex, may be taken on each hunt. All deer count in Unit A bag limit.

Muzzleloader/ Archery Deer

First Season: November 4-10. Total Bag: 2 (two) deer, no more than one antlered.

Gun/ Muzzleloader/ Archery Deer

First Season: November 23-December 8, Second Season: December 21, 2002-January 5, 2003. Total Bag: 2 (two) deer; bucks only. All deer during both seasons count in Unit A bag limit.

Quota Turkey

First Season: April 9-13, 2003
 Bag Limit: 1 (one) bearded turkey.
 Counts as a bonus turkey.

Second Season: April 16-20, 2003.
 Bag Limit: 1 (one) bearded turkey.
 Counts as a bonus turkey.

Third Season: April 23-27, 2003.
 Bag Limit: 1 (one) bearded turkey.
 Counts as a bonus turkey.

Permits: Quota turkey hunt permit required. See *Quota Hunt Permit Application Procedures*. Permits will be limited to 25 per hunt, successful applicants are eligible for only one hunt. Signed Refuge Permit and applicable State licenses required. Hunters must check turkey out on date of kill at nearest state checking station and record **Lower Hatchie NWR** as the location of kill.

Quota Hunt Permit Application Procedures

To apply for a quota hunt permit, type or plainly print your name and address on the front of an official U.S. postal card. Unofficial postcards will be discarded prior to drawing. Send all postcards in an envelope addressed to the Refuge Manager at the address on the back of this brochure. Turkey applications must be postmarked during February.

A total of 2 (two) hunters may apply on the same postcard (print both names and addresses on the card). Only one card per hunter or party will be excepted; submission of more than one application will result in disqualification of applicant(s).

Juveniles

Juveniles and their supervising adult must apply for the quota hunt together. If selected, the juvenile must be under direct supervision of the adult during the hunt.